

ERZERUM AT LAST FALLS TO ATTACKS OF RUSSIANS

Grand Duke Nicholas Reports To Petrograd That His Campaign Against Ottoman Stronghold Has Now Proved Successful

BARES FLANK OF TURKS IN MESOPOTAMIA FIGHT

Capture of Fortress May Open Path For Slavs To Send Aid To Allies Hard Pressed At Kut-el-Amara By Musselmans

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 ARRA, February 17.—The Slavs have won another step in their fighting in the Transcaucasian region, according to official despatches from the Grand Duke Nicholas to the war office in Petrograd. Erzerum has fallen at last to the persistent attacks of the Russian commanders, and is now in the hands of the Czar's troops.

May Help British
 The fight for this city, which is regarded as the key that will unlock all of the Transcaucasian region, vital in the campaign against the Turks in Mesopotamia as it lays bare their flank and compels them to draw in their armies, for a change of front, began several weeks ago. It was reported some time ago that Field Marshal Baron von der Goltz, the German commander of the Turkish armies, was cooped up in this city. It is hoped that this will enable the Slavs to aid the British at Kut-el-Amara.

On the western front the German and French accounts of the fighting clash even more violently than usual. The Germans claim that they have been successful in beating back the French attacks in the vicinity of Tabbure, where some time ago the Germans captured a line of trenches. The French officials statements however, dispute this, saying that with the use of hand grenades the French had been able to drive the Germans out of part of the captured trenches.

Both sides admit that stormy weather has interfered with the operations. To Renew Contact

The most interesting development outside of the actual fighting and the capture of Erzerum by the Russians, was the announcement that a vigorous reaffirmation of the pact by which all the Allies bind themselves to stand by Belgium and win back her territory is shortly to be made by the Entente powers.

They have decided to make formal renewal of the agreement not to end hostilities until the political and economic independence of Belgium has been reestablished and the Belgians are indemnified for the damage they have sustained in the war.

TWO PENSION MEASURES PASSED IN LOWER HOUSE

They Affect Spanish-American and Indian Wars Service

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 WASHINGTON, February 17.—Two pension bills were passed by the house yesterday.

One of them provides for the payment of \$2,500 annually to the widows and minor children of officers and enlisted men who served for at least ninety days in Cuba or the Philippines during the Spanish-American War. It is expected that there will be at least ten thousand claimants under the provisions of this bill, and that it will require at least \$1,500,000 the first year to meet the obligations.

The other measure gives twenty dollars monthly to the survivors of the Indian wars who have reached the age of sixty-two years and who served at least ninety days of active campaigning. Twelve dollars a month is given by the same bill to widows of men who meet the above requirements.

BIDS FOR SUBMARINES OF NEWEST TYPE OPENED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 WASHINGTON, February 17.—The bids for the construction of two of the newest type of submarines were opened yesterday by the navy department. The boats will cost \$1,491,000 each. The Lake Submarine company bid \$1,689,000. Congress had appropriated \$1,500,000 for each of the two boats.

COURT DENIES WOMEN VOTES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 SPRINGFIELD, Illinois, February 16.—By a decision of the state supreme court the women of Illinois are denied the right to vote for delegates and alternates to the national nominating convention or for state central and precinct committees.

FEDERAL EXPERT SAYS LEPROSY NOT HEREDITARY

Senate Health Committee Ends Its Hearing On Malady

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 WASHINGTON, February 17.—The senate health committee last night concluded its hearing on leprosy. Dr. George McCoy, who was for some time in charge of the federal leprosy program at Kalahehi and Molokai, Hawaii was one of the last witnesses before the committee. Doctor McCoy testified that his experience and investigations had led him to the conclusion that only five per cent of a leprosy sufferer's descendants are afflicted, and that it is not a hereditary affliction. He added that he had found that young persons are more liable to it than adults, or elderly persons, in the ratio of about two males to one female.

Dr. R. C. Rueke also testified. Doctor Rueke is assistant surgeon general for the Public Health and marine hospital service, of which Doctor McCoy is also a member.

INTERRED GERMAN SHIPS REPORTED TO BE ARMING

Vessels in Canary Islands May Turn Commerce Raiders

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 MOBILE, Alabama, February 17.—Capt. F. E. Maguire, commanding the schooner E. W. Murdock, reached port last night with a report that the eleven interned German steamers in the Canary Islands are secretly arming and taking on supplies preparatory to making a dash for the open sea, where they hope to become commerce raiders. Maguire says that he delivered a cargo of coal to German agents at Tenerife and that he saw this coal dumped into the holds of the German steamers. It was common talk in Tenerife, he declared, that the German commanders are getting ready to make a dash.

BUILD SUBMARINES FIRST, SAYS ADMIRAL

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 WASHINGTON, February 16.—Admiral Albert W. Grant, commanding the submarine flotilla of the Atlantic fleet, today told the house committee on naval affairs that the safest defensive policy is first to build a great number of submarines, then scout cruisers, next battle cruisers and finally dreadnoughts. He recommended that 133 submarines be the minimum number needed for American defense and that there should be for these 5552 enlisted men, 333 warrant officers and 333 commissioned officers.

BRITAIN TO COMMANDEER ALL STILLS IN KINGDOM

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 LONDON, February 17.—The Central News Agency last night announced that it is in a position to confirm the statement recently published that the government intends to commandeer all the distilleries in the country. The news agency now adds that the enormously increased demand for alcohol for the manufacture of munitions of war is the immediate reason for this step.

BODY OF CONSUL McNEELY PROBABLY HAS BEEN FOUND

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 WASHINGTON, February 17.—Despatches from Alexandria, Egypt, to the state department, yesterday afternoon announced that it was reported that the body of Consul McNeely, who was drowned by the torpedoing without warning of the British steamer Persia, is believed to be ashore near the Egyptian city.

BULGARIAN TOWN RAIDED BY FRENCH AEROPLANES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 LONDON, February 17.—A fleet of thirteen French aeroplanes yesterday raided the town of Strumitza, Bulgaria, according to a Reuters' despatch from Sofia. One hundred and fifty-eight bombs were dropped upon the town and several fires were started.

MISSOURIAN MAY GO TO RUSSIA AS ENVOY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 WASHINGTON, February 17.—David R. Francis of Missouri, President Cleveland's secretary of the interior, is President Wilson's choice to succeed Ambassador Marve in Petrograd, according to reports here. It was practically admitted in official circles last night that Mr. Wilson has been considering Mr. Francis.

NEW YORK GETS THE BACON

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 WASHINGTON, February 16.—All new rivers and harbor projects, except that for New York harbor improvement were voted down today by the house committee on rivers and harbors.

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BRITAIN FAR BEHIND IN AERIAL WARFARE

Ministers Admit National Negligence and German Supremacy

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 LONDON, February 17.—Mr. Balfour, Mr. Law and Mr. Tennant, all members of the coalition British cabinet, were compelled to admit to parliament last night that Great Britain's air defense has been most unsatisfactory since the outbreak of the war. They added that the government is doing all that is possible to remedy the defect.

"We are ten years behind Germany and other foreign countries in this respect," said Mr. Balfour. "England made a great mistake in refusing to develop dirigibles before the outbreak of this war, and now we are paying for it. I doubt if we shall be able to overtake our foes in this respect."

Other members of the house assented to this statement. At one time first lord of the admiralty was particularly responsible for the lack of dirigibles.

PREPAREDNESS MEASURE SOON TO BE INTRODUCED

Army, Militia and Navy Bills Are Nearing Completion

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 WASHINGTON, February 17.—It was said in congressional circles last night that the bills providing for an increase in the army and federalizing and paying the state militia are expected to be ready within three weeks. The naval program may also be ready for submission to the house within that period.

It is understood that Congressman Hay, chairman of the house military affairs committee and Congressman Padgett, chairman of the house naval affairs committee, will lend the light on the floor for the passage of the measures.

RIDER HAGGARD PLANS EMPIRE BUILDING TRIP

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 LONDON, February 16.—Rider Haggard, the noted author and advocate of British imperialism, left today on a world-mission undertaken for the Royal Colonial Institute, to investigate the chances for empire-building after the war. The plan is designed largely to prevent emigration to foreign countries of British soldiers and their families, and direct them instead to British colonies. This is the latest phase of the imperial movement seeking to bind the mother country and the overseas dominions into a vast confederacy.

JAPAN WILL RETURN CALL OF RUSS PRINCE

(Special Cablegram to Hawaii Shipper.)
 TOKIO, February 17.—A formal announcement was made from the imperial household department yesterday that Prince Kanin-no Miya will soon leave Tokio for Petrograd, via the Transiberian railroad. His mission will be to return the call recently made upon the Emperor Yoshihito by an envoy of the Czar.

STEAMER AND PIER TOTALLY DESTROYED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 NEW YORK, February 16.—The steamship Bolton (castle lying at the Pacific pier here was destroyed today and the pier also. The steamer Palladia and twenty screws and lighters were damaged. Two persons are missing. The loss will amount to \$3,000,000. The origin of the fire is unknown. Several steamers were lying at the pier loading munitions for the Allies.

HANG UP NEW RECORDS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 CHICAGO, February 17.—Michael McDermott and J. P. Lichter hung up new aquatic records here last night. The former covered 220 yards in the breast stroke in 2:40 3/5, while Lichter plunged 60 feet.

HARBOR BOARD ORDERS NAWILIWILI DOCK PLANS

The harbor board at its meeting in the capital yesterday afternoon directed the superintendent of public works to begin at once the drawing up of plans and specifications for the Nawiliwili wharf extension. The board also suspended permission to the Honolulu Yacht Club to build a clubhouse marked off the channel wharf. The permission was held up pending arrangements with the Oahu railroad. Protests against the proposed clubhouse have been made by the railroad. Twenty-eight hundred dollars worth of pay rolls and other bills were scanned and approved by the board.

WILDER IS INVENTOR OF BOY SCOUTS TENT

A new tent for the use of the Boy Scouts has been invented by James A. Wilder, the Scout Commissioner for Hawaii. The tents are being manufactured by E. J. Burch of Pueblo, Colorado, and sixteen of them have been received here. They are constructed to accommodate two boys and are seven by five feet in size. They will be used in the Scouts' rally on the last day of the carnival.

LOUISIANA FLOOD SWIFT AS RIVER DESTROYS LEVEES

Thousands Reported Marooned By Rising Waters—Rescuers Rushing To Aid

NEWELLTON SENDS OUT APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE

Town But One of Many Engulfed When Dykes Fail To Hold

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 NEW ORLEANS, February 17.—Huge gaps in the levees built to hold the Mississippi in check have let in upon the people of Louisiana and the delta region of the world's inundation that this section of the United States has known in many years.

Thousands of persons in Louisiana have been marooned, many towns are already under water and the flood surges onward engulfing many others. South of Natchez, Mississippi, there are thousands of foot crossings in the levees through which torrents of water from the swollen river are pouring.

Newellton has sent out fresh appeals for help for most of the little city is from six to ten feet under the flood, and the water is deepening from minute to minute, with no prospect of falling for days if not for weeks.

Boats, business, even rats, have been stranded in service by the people from the highlands in an effort to reach and rescue the hundreds who are still marooned in the neighborhood of Newellton, and the other hundreds are trapped by the rising waters that now momentarily threaten to engulf St. Joseph, Louisiana.

So far no whites are known to have lost their lives in the flood although the details from the flooded sections are most meagre, as the telegraph and telephone communications have been sundered for several hours. Three negroes, however, are said to have been drowned near Newellton.

Late last night reports from the little town of Ostrina, seventy miles from this city, announced that a big levee there had gone out under the river's pressure, and that the flood waters were sweeping the country.

WILSON'S FOREIGN POLICY DENOUNCED

Republicans of New York State Adopt Platform Which Launches National Campaign

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TEENIS PLAYERS OF KAUAI ACTIVE

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 LILUOKE, February 14.—Three matches in the All-Kauai Ladies' Tournament have been played off on the Lihue tennis courts. The tournaments have been planned since early fall, when Mrs. Hans Jenson offered a very handsome silver vase as prize for ladies' singles and a pair of handbags as prizes for ladies' doubles. The inclement weather has previously prevented the playing of tennis anywhere on the island.

During the past week, the Lihue ladies have played in both the singles and doubles and the women ladies are still practicing.

Last Saturday, Miss Katherine Millett and Miss Marjorie Wood defeated Miss Elsie Wilcox and Miss Katherine Ommanney with a score of 6-1 and 6-3. The winners played an excellent game with good service and although the losers put over some good returns they did not find them selves even in the second set, when they promised better work. Miss Waterhouse acted as umpire.

Monday afternoon, Miss Millett Waterhouse and Miss Silburn Purvis defeated Misses Hannah and Daisy Sheehan 6-1 and 6-1. The former team has the strongest players on the Lihue side and its opponents did exceedingly well to make away of the game. Miss Ommanney inspired this match.

Later Monday afternoon, the first match in the singles tournament was played off between Miss Millett and Miss Ommanney. The latter winning with a score of 6-3 and 6-0. Miss Millett played a strong game, her backhand returns winning numerous points and the match was a close and interesting one. Miss Waterhouse acted as umpire.

The doubles are now ready for the finals between Miss Waterhouse and Miss Purvis and Miss Melstyre and Miss Wood. The singles will be followed by Miss Waterhouse vs. Miss Wood; Miss Purvis vs. Miss Elsie Wilcox; Miss Katherine Wood vs. Mrs. Katherine Burke. The winner of the first match will play Miss Ommanney.

The schedule for the women's side has not yet been made out.

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Garden Island Notes

(Mail Special to the Advertiser)

LILUOKE, February 15.—One of the most interesting meetings of the Mokihana Club this winter was held in the Lihue social hall last Wednesday. The subject was "Playgrounds," and W. C. Avery, principal of the Kauai High and Grammar School, delivered the address of the afternoon and showed pictures of the various important playgrounds in America, England and Germany.

He divided the child's life into the various play periods, giving the games appropriate for each period. He stated that from the age of one to three years the child is purely selfish; its games are purely personal, and practically all its movements are with trunk. From four to six years the child learns to use his imagination and to develop the finer movements of the limbs, and begins to devise the companionship of other children, and its games are those involving groups. From seven to nine years ideals of character with the ability to anticipate results are developed. During this period the physical condition of the child is at its lowest point, for this is essentially a transition period. The period from ten to twelve is the most valuable, for the formation of habits and the child's activity is at its highest point, and games involving skill and mentality can be used on the playground.

Every child should have the instinct for play considered and cared for, for unless he plays as a child this instinct will die out and not appear again. Play, for a child, develops the qualities that will be needed in maturity and should be carefully guided.

In the absence of the president and vice-president, the secretary, Mrs. W. C. Avery, presided. Refreshments were served after the address by the afternoon's hostesses, Mrs. Lydgate and Mrs. Winter.

Mr. E. Menefoglio has returned to Kauai, and he and his family are spending the winter in Hanalei.

In honor of the eightieth birthday of Mr. L. W. Hart, the ladies of the Waimea club arranged a delightful surprise party. About fifty of them met at Kekapa, bringing with them a beautiful birthday cake, containing eighty candles, and a handsome breakfast set and bedside table as offerings for the occasion. The ladies in the party were: Mesdames Banham, Deyerville, Greig, Brandt, Rankin, Brodie, Schultze, H. D. Brodie, Danford, Eadie, Truett, H. B. Baldwin, D. Baldwin, Browne, Oliver, Horgan, Mrs. Misses Hofgaard, Lee, Whittington, Anderson and Banham.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Allen (Crewey) in Eleolu was the scene of a birthday dinner last Saturday. The birthdays of Mrs. E. B. Hofgaard of Waimea, and Mr. Crewey occurred about the same day, so both celebrations took place at the same time. The very artistic decorations were all in pink and white, including roses, candles, dainty place cards, lovely cake and all the other requisites for a really delightful birthday party.

Miss Silburn Purvis entertained a number of the Lihue young people with an informal dance last Saturday evening at her home in that place. Those who enjoyed the good time were: Mrs. Katherine Burke, Misses Lottie Jordan, Katherine and Marjorie Wood, Misses Justina Speckins, Katherine Ommanney, Lulu Weber, and Messrs. Frank Morrow, Jack Horner, Ed Carlen, Harry Vincent, A. G. Derby, F. E. McCall and Will Coney.

The Makaweli teachers, Misses Lee, Thompson, Sikart and Jopson, entertained with a charming little dinner last Sunday evening after the party had enjoyed a swim in the afternoon. The guests were: Mrs. Rankin, Messrs. Morton, Jack Horner, Ed Carlen, E. J. Mahum, Harry Vincent, Frederick Atzer, Frank Morrow and Muxdock.

Several delightful dinners have been given in Lihue during the past week. Last Saturday Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Putnam entertained guests from Lihue and Kalahehi. Mr. and Mrs. W. Moragge entertained in honor of their wedding anniversary Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Rice also gave a dinner this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Avery entertained the faculty of the Kauai High and Grammar School and some of the students on Friday evening with a jolly party.

Last Saturday evening a number of the Waimea young people enjoyed an informal dance at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Lymann. About twenty of the dancing crowd were present.

Francis Gay is now at his home in Kekapa. The tennis courts, gardens and other parts of his property were badly injured during the late rains, but are now in good shape again.

In honor of Miss Margaret Waterhouse of Honolulu who is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Wilcox of Lihue, a number of delightful affairs have been given this week. Mrs. W. H. Rice, Sr., Mrs. C. A. Rice and Mrs. Ralph Wilcox have been the charming hostesses at dinners, teas and luncheons.

Miss Millett Waterhouse, Miss Justina Speckins of Kapa, Miss Paulman, Frank Crawford and Will Coney were elected and Miss Lulu Weber was re-elected to membership and delightful plans for various future entertainments were discussed. All the officers of the organization will be filled by the mighty men during the next term; Dr. E. J. Derby will be president, Harry Vincent, vice-president, F. E. McCall, secretary and E. Mahu, will continue in the office of treasurer.

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ENTIRE ISSUE OVER SUBSEA WARFARE HAS OPENED A NEW

Secretary of State Lansing Surprises Country and Teutonic Governments By Declining To Close Lusitania Agreement

GERMANIC THREATS AGAINST MERCHANT SHIPS IS REASON

Washington Refuses To Accept Berlin's Compromise Note Until Effect of New Order Upon Vessels Is Fully Observed

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 WASHINGTON, February 17.—The entire submarine controversy between the United States and Germany has been thrown open again, and is worse than ever. Secretary of State Lansing last night flatly contradicted reports that the American government has accepted the last note from Berlin on the Lusitania affair, and added that the Washington authorities will not accept it until it is learned whether the newly announced policy of sinking armed merchant craft without warning is in conflict with the pledge made in the last note from Wilhelmstrasse.

The secretary's announcement came as a distinct shock to the people, who had felt that there was every hope that the long delayed settlement of the Lusitania question was at hand. The statement was surprising also, in view of the fact that the German announcement was made several days ago, following a warning issued by the government here that merchant ships entering American ports would be treated as warships if they carried any guns.

Settlement Seems Near
 Following the visit of Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, to the state department, the report went abroad that the question raised by the sinking of the big "warrior" and the drowning of scores of American men, women and children were about to be finally answered. It was known that the German envoy had with him the formal copy of the German note, agreeing to the demands made by the American government and including one change suggested by the Kaiser's statement.

Must Start Over Again
 Then came the startling announcement from the state department that the whole question had been reopened, that the United States would not accept the German note, and that all the diplomatic exchanges are to be made over again, unless, indeed, they break down under the added strain of this last move on the part of the state department.

Following his visit to Secretary Lansing, Count von Bernstorff was reported to have told the secretary that in his opinion, as German ambassador, the newest "fraternal" policy on the part of the Teutonic governments is not aimed at "liners" and that the "ladies of the sea" would not suffer unwarned from the attacks of submarines.

Acceptance Was at Hand
 The note submitted to the state department by von Bernstorff is understood to have been a practical acceptance of the suggestions made by the United States, that the words "recognizable liability" for the death of American citizens in the sinking of the Lusitania be substituted for the words "assumes liability," contained in the former answer.

Officials of the state department made it known that with the changes above mentioned the two governments were in substantial accord, and that few if any details remained to be settled at the conference which was held yesterday between the secretary and the German ambassador.

Navy Enabling Bills Signed By President

BARON ASTOR TAKES SEAT AMONG PEERS OF BRITAIN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 LONDON, February 17.—Baron Astor of Hever, who was William Waldorf Astor, an American-born citizen, and a naturalized British subject, who was raised to the peerage in the list of New Year's honors, yesterday took his seat in the House of Lords.

MANAGER BLOWN TO ATOMS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 CLEVELAND, February 16.—Charles Baker, manager of the Washington Torpedo Company, was blown to atoms today while handling nitro-glycerine in the plant. The factory itself sustained a great damage in the terrific explosion.